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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION DATED JANUARY 30, 2003

This paper is filed in response to the Office Action mailed January 30, 2003, and having a three month shortened statutory response period. A two month extension of time is enclosed herewith, extending the period for response to June 30, 2003. Applicants respectfully request that the following amendments be entered and the application be reconsidered in view thereof. It is believed that no additional fee is due. However, please charge any such fee to Centerpulse Deposit Account No. 09-0473.

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